HOUSE BILL 2983

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9 and Title 37, relative to claims brought against the department of children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-8-407, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) Whenever a claim is brought against the department of children's services for negligence against a department employee and a claimant is awarded compensation, the claims commission shall set off such award by the amount paid by the department to care for the child or children of the claimant in the custody of the department, if any.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.